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Journal of the House of Representatives of the State of Tennessee

At a Meeting of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, began and held at Knoxville on Saturday the 30th Day of July, 1796, agreeably to the following Proclamation, Viz. &c

calling the Governor

Whereas I have lately received authentic information, that an Act of the Congress of the United States, passed at their last Session, involved several Acts of this State in difficulty, and renders the same incomplete; to answer the purposes and salutary uses and effects intended to be obtained therefrom, by the honorable the Legislature of this State. I have thought it necessary and highly expedient, to Summon the members of the General Assembly, to convene on the last Saturday in the present Month. And do strictly request and enjoin them, and each of them, to be punctual and particular in giving their attendance Accordingly, in Order to take under their due deliberation such matters as may be laid before them.

Given under my hand and Seal, at Knoxville this 4th day of July 1796, and in the twenty first Year of American Independence

By the Governor, (Signed) John Sevier

William Maclin, Secry.

the following Members appeared and took their Seats, Viz:
Joseph Black, from the County of Blount, Robert Weakley
from the County of Davidson, Joseph Conway & John Gray
from the County of Green, Thomas Henderson from the
County of Hawkins, Alexander Outlaw & Adam Dale
from the County of Jefferson, John Minnifee & John Sevier
Ford from the County of Knox, Spencer Black and
Samuel Wood from the County of Sevier. Steph. Cam
and William Montgomery from the County of Sumner
John Rhea and David Looney from the County of Sull

The House then proceeded to chose a Speaker, pro tem. when Alexander Outlaw was chosen and conducted to the Chair.

It was then Moved that the House appoint a Clerk, when Caldwell Gaynes was chosen and Qualified Accordingly.

John Rhea was Chosen Door Keeper.

Ordered, that the following Message be sent to the Senate

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate,

A Sufficient Number of the House of Representatives have convened, and are ready to proceed to Business.

The House then Adjourned till Monday 9 Oclock.

Monday 1st August 1796.

The House Met according to Adjournment.

The following Members appeared and took their Seats, William Ford from the County of Tennessee, Isaac Lane from the County of Davidson, John Blair from the County of Washington, John Cocke from the County of Hawkins.

James Houston, of Blount County, having resigned his Seat in the General Assembly, and it appearing from the Certificate produced by Littlepage Lyons, that he has been duly elected to represent the said County in lieu of the said Houston, On Motion, took the Oaths necessary for the Qualification of a Member of the General Assembly, and took his seat.

A Message Received from the Senate,

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

The Senate is convened and Ready to proceed to the dispatch of Public Business.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate,

This House is also convened, and ready to proceed to business.

On Motion of Mr Fort seconded by Mr. Lewis, Ordered that Mr Cocke and Mr Weakley be appointed to prepare Rules for this House, during the present Session.

On Motion of Mr Blair seconded by Mr Newell, Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate,

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate,

This House have nominated Messrs Fort and Gass with such Gentlemen as you shall appoint to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, to inform him that this General Assembly are ready to receive his communications.

On Motion Mr. Fort seconded by Mr Lyon, Resolved, that this House chuse an Assistant Clerk.

On Motion Mr Newell seconded by Mr Blair,

Messrs Crawford and Newell were appointed to superintend the Balloting for Assistant Clerk, who reported, John Hellman duely elected.

A Message from the Senate:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

The Senate concur with you in appointing a committee to wa
on his Excellency the Governor, and have on their part Ma
Kelly.

Mr. Ford moved for leave to wait on his excellency the Governor to
inform him that the General Assembly were ready to receive his
communications.

On motion Mr. Rhea seconded by Mr. Ford, Ordered that the
following address of his Excellency the Governor be entered on
the Journals of this House:

Knoxville, 30th July 1796.

Gentlemen of the Senate, and of the House of Representa

The short time in which I conceived it was necessar
my duty to convene the Legislature, compelled me to call yo
together on so short a notice. In the first instance it was
= cessary to give all the time the emmergency of the occasion
would admit of, and in the second place a circumstance, tha
the election to be held for Representatives, was approaching so ne
at hand, made it necessary as I conceived, for the Assembly
have it in their power, by a timely meeting, (should they
their Wisdom deem it proper) to make an alteration in th
Act directing the mode of electing Representatives to Repres
this State in the Congress of the United States, before the
day of Election should arrive, as directed in the aforesa
Act, otherwise it might be attended with disputes and
contention of a disagreeable nature, for by a late Act of
Congress, the intended number of our Representatives is dim
= nished, of course it proportionably lessens our number of E
for President and Vice President of the United States.

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Thus such a derangement will necessarily require an alteration in our Militia laws for such purposes.

Our Senators not being recognized in the Senate of the United States, is a matter for your consideration and attention; and for your more ample information, the several Acts and communications accompanying this address will elucidate unto you the propriety of my calling the assembly together at this time.

I hope I may be permitted to observe, that it is of importance, and conducive to public happiness, to arrange our laws conformably with those of Congress, so far as they shall respect this State.

The foregoing are the reasons only I have thought proper to convene the Assembly in Session on the present day; and I make no doubt you will, through your paternal care, wisdom, and patriotic deliberations, adopt such measures as will tend to promote the public Interest and general utility of the State.

I have the pleasure of announcing to you Gentlemen, the admission of the State of the State of Tennessee into the federal Union, a circumstance pregnant with every flattering prospect of peace, happiness, and opulence to our Infant State. The period is at length arrived when the people of the South Western Territory may enjoy all the blessings and liberties of a free and independant Republic

Permit me to wish your public, domestic and individual happiness, while I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your Devoted Hble Servt.

(Signed)

John Sevier

On Motion Mr. Rhea, seconded by Mr. Ford
Ordered that following Message be sent to the Senate[illegible] with the addr
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate, [illegible]
Herewith is sent to you the communication from his Excellen
the Governor, together with other official papers sent by him.

Mr. Lewis moved for leave, and presented a Remonstrance of Andrew
Jackson, which was read and refered to a Committee of Claims.

On Motion Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr Weakley,
Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate.
Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate,
We propose that a Committee of Claims be appointed, and
nominate on our part Messrs Ford, Blair, & ~~Montgomery~~
Mennefee, to act with such Gentlemen as you may appoint
on your part.

Mr. Rhea moves for leave, and presented a Bill directing the
mode of electing one Representative to represent this State in
the Congress of the United States, which was read the first
time, past and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock, P.M.

Met according to Adjournment.
On motion Mr. Rhea, seconded by Mr. Cocke.
Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate.
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate,
This House do propose that the General Assembly do convene to
morrow at four o'clock in the afternoon, in the Representatives
Chamber, for the purpose of electing two Senators to Represent
this State in the Congress of the United States, which is
sent to you for your concurrence.

Message from the Senate,
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,
The Senate having read the address of the Governor, and the
Papers accompanying the same, have determined to commit
the consideration thereof to a Special Committee, and have named
on their part, Messrs Lewis, White, & McMinn, to act with such
Gentlemen as you may join.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate
We concur with you in referring the Papers laid before us by the Governor, to a Special Committee, and have on our part appointed Messrs Rhea, Lewis, Montgomery, Nixel, White and Conway, to Act with the Gentlemen by you appointed.

A Message from the Senate.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,
The Senate concur with you in appointing a Committee of Claims, and name on their part Messrs Doherty & Rutledge.

Mr Rhea Moved for leave, and presented a Bill to empower the Justices of each Court of the several Counties in this State to lay and have the same collected, an additional County tax for the year 1797, which was read the first time past, and sent to the Senate.

A Message from the Senate,
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,
The Senate Concur with your proposition to meet in your Chamber to morrow at four Oclock P. M. for the purpose of electing two Senators to represent this State in Congress; and Nominate Mr. James White, Mr. William Blount, Mr. William Cocke, and Mr. David Campbell the Senate have appointed Mr. Rutledge to superintend the balloting on their part.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate.
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate,
This House concur with your Message, and on part of this House, do nominate Mr. Ford to superintend the balloting with the Gentleman by you appointed.

Adjourned till to morrow 9 Oclock, A. M.

Tuesday August 2nd 1796.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr Gass moved for leave, and presented a Bill, Authorising Fairs and Markets in the County of Green, which was read, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate, a Bill authorising the Justices of the Courts of the several Counties in this State, to lay and have the same collected, an additional County Tax, for the Year 1797, endorsed, Read the first time and passed; which on Motion Mr Rhea was ordered to lay on the Table for amendment.

Mr Rhea moved for leave, and presented a Bill to amend an Act, intitled, "an act ascertaining the number of Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Equity and fixing their Salaries and directing their Qualification to office," passed at Knoxville, at an assembly begun and held the twenty eight day of March last past, which was read the first time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate, a Bill to amend an Act Repealing the Revenue and Treasury Departments, Endorsed, "Read the first time and passed," which was read in the House of Representatives the first time and passed.

Mr Rhea moved for leave, and presented a Bill providing for the Election of Electors of a President and Vice President of the United States, which was Read the first time, passed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion Mr Rhea the Bill authorising the Justices of each Court in the several Counties in this

this State, to Lay, and have the same collected, a
Local County Tax for the Year 1797, was with
amendment read the second time, past, and sent
Senate.

Adjourned till 3 Oclock P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

James Stewart Esqr. appeared and took his seat as Speaker.

The Senate and House of Representatives having convened
in the Representatives' Chamber, pursuant to a Resolution
of both Houses of Yesterday, when William Blount and
William Cocke were duly and constitutionally elected
Senators, to represent this State in the Senate of the
United States, and so dulared by the Speaker of the Senate

A Bill dirating the mode of electing one Representative
to represent this State in the Congress of the United States
was read the second time, amended and sent to the
Senate.

Received from his Excellency the Governor, a Message respect-
ing an appropriation for the Cutting a Road from
the Warm Springs to Sherrills' Cove, which being read
was refered to a Special committee.

Ordered, that the following Message be sent to the Senate.
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate,
Herewith you have transmitted to you a communica-
tion from the Governor, for your inspection and concurrence
to the endorsed Reference.
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate,
His House have made the following resolution, which

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is sent to you for your concurrence.

House of Representatives August 2nd 1796.

Resolved that the Clerk of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives shall each transcribe a copy of the entry on the Journals of each house respectively, of the Election of William Blount and William Cocke, Senators to represent this State in the Congress of the United States, which copies shall be signed by the Speakers and attested by the Clerks of each House respectively, which shall be a certificate for his Excellency the Governor to Issue Credentials thereupon to the said William Blount and William Cocke of their Election.

Mr Henderson moved for leave and presented a Bill to amend the line between Hawkins and Granger Counties and for other purposes, which was read the first time, read and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned till Tomorrow 10 Oclock A. M.

Wednesday August 3rd 1796.

Met According to Adjournment

On Motion. Mr Weakley seconded by Mr McCook

Ordered that the following message be sent to the Senate

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate,

This House have appointed the following persons Justices of the Peace, for the several Counties here after mentioned, and have sent to you for your concurrence.

For the County of Blount.

For the County of Baxter (11)

For the County of Davidson, Thomas Hutchins, Jo
Williamson, John Kirkpatrick, Robert Thompson,
Thomas Talbot, William Donelson, David Beaty,
George McClurter, Adam Lyon & Ephraim McLain

For the County of Grainger,

For the County of Green, Joseph Lusk, Adonijah
Morgan, Daniel Carter, Thomas Love, David Russell,
John Harmon, John Collier, and Benjamin Mc Nutt,

For the County of Hawkins

For the County of Jefferson, Peter Fine, William Job,

For the County of Knox. Benjamin Gist, William
Read, Paul Hercelson,

For the County of Montgomery

For the County of Robertson,

For the County of Sullivan, Nicholas Mercer, & John
Williams,

For the County of Sumner. Daniel Smith,

For the County of Washington, John McCollester and Benjamin Holland,

The Special Committee, to whom was refered the Communication of the Governor, make the following Report, this 3d. day of August 1796.

Your Committee to whom was refered the two communications from the Governor, do report, 1st that the objects it embraces are now under the consideration of the Genral Assembly, in part, and acted upon in part, respecting the Letter from the Secretary at War, Your committee do recommend that it be Resolved that the Governor Issue Proclamation agreeably to the purport of said Letter. On the second communication, your Committee taking into view the actual Situation of the finances of this State, and considering that the expenditures of the Government will be augmented by the present Session, are of opinion that it would be improper to make any appropriations for defraying the expence of the Road therein mentioned at this time, but that the Governor be authorized to appoint Commissioners or Reviewers to Report on the Road when completed to the next Genral Assembly; all which is Submitted.

Signed John. Rhea Chairm

On motion the consideration of the above Report was postponed.

Received from the Senate, a Bill directing the mode of electing one Representative to Represent this State in the Congress of the United States, endarsed Read Second time, amended, and passed, which was read the third time, and

and last time in the House of Representatives, Ameri. passed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion the report from the Special Committee on the communication of the Governor, was taken up and after some debate thereon was concured with in part Viz: that part which respects the opening a Road from the Warm Springs to Shires Cove. the other part not concured with.

The Committee of Claims, to whom was refered the Remonstrance of Andrew Jackson, make the follow = ing Report.

Your committee to whom was refered the Remonstra = nce of Andrew Jackson, are of opinion, that of the Money appropriated by Law in Mine District to the Payment of the Attorney General, has been appropriated to the use of the Secretary that his Remonstrance is in part Reasonable and ought to be granted; all which is Submitted.

attest Signed

Nath.l B Buckingham Clk, Wm. Ford. Chairman

On motion the consideration of the above Report was postponed.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate,

Herewith is sent to you the Report of the Committee to whom was refered the communications from the Governor, with entries thereon of what this House have Resolved Relative to said Report, for your concur = ence.

Received from the Senate, the following Bills Viz:

A Bill providing for the Election of Electors, of a President and Vice President of the United States, endorsed Read the first time and passed, which was read the second time in the House of Representatives, Amended, passed, and sent to the Senate.

A Bill to establish Fairs and Markets in the County of Green, endorsed, Read the first time and passed, which was read the second time in the House of Representatives, passed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Lewis moved for leave, and presented a Bill making compensation to the Members, Clerks and Door Keepers of the General Assembly, and for other purposes which was Read the first time, passed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Gass moved for leave and presented a Bill to authorise the Treasurer to pay Charles Robertson for Cutting a Road from the Warm Springs to Sherrels Cove, which was Read the first time, passed, and sent to the Senate.

Received from the Senate a Bill to amend an Act ascertaining the number of Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Equity, and fixing their Salaries and directing their Qualification to office, passed at Knoxville at an Assembly begun and held the twenty Eighth day of March last past, endorsed Read the first time and Passed, which being Read the second time in the House of Representatives, was on Motion ordered to lay on the Table until the next General Assembly.

On motion Mr Rhea seconded by Mr
Ordered that the following Message be sent to the
Senate.
Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate.
This House have nominated Messrs Rhea, Lewis,
and Outlaw to be a Committee with such Gentle-
-men as you shall appoint to prepare an address
to the Governor on the Subject of his communi-
cation to the General Assembly.
Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate.
This House have Resolved that the following address
be presented to Mr William Cocke.
Sir
By a Vote of the General Assembly of the
State of Tennessee, Mr William Blount and your
-self, formerly elected Senators to represent this
State in the Senate of the Congress of the United
States, are again elected for that Purpose, the Ge-
-neral Assembly do on behalf of the Citizens of
the State of Tennessee express their entire confidence
in the fidelity and integrity of their Senators.
Mr Wm Cocke }
That a Committee be appointed to wait on Mr Cocke
to present the same, and for that purpose have
named Messrs Fort and Blair to act with such
Gentlemen as you shall appoint, which is sent to
you for your Concurrence.
On motion, the report of the Committee to whom was refered
the remonstrance of Andrew Jackson, was again taken
up, and after some debate there upon was concured
with by the vote of the Speaker.

On Motion Mr. Fort, Ordered that the following Resig-
= nation of Thomas Johnston be entered on the Journals of
this House.

To the Honble General Assembly convened in Knoxville,
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives
Consistant with my Domistic Interest I cannot any
longer serve as a member of your Honble Body and
hope this will be received as my Resignation.

Signed

Thomas Johnston

July 9th 1796

Ordered that the following Mesage be sent to the Senate.
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate.
This House have concured with the remonstrance of
Andrew Jackson Esqr. and send to you for your concurrence.

Recved from the Senate, the following Mesages.
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.
The Senate Concur with you in appointing a Committee
to Wait on William Cocke Esqr. and present to him
the Address by you prepared for that purpose, and Name
on their part Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the State of Representatives
The House concurr with you in appointing a Committee to
prepare an address to be presented to his Excellency the
Governor in Answer to his two communications and Name
on their part Messrs. Frazier and McMinn.

Resolved that the Speaker of this House, address his Excellency
the Governor, informing him of the Resignation of Thomas
Johnston esqr late member of this House from the County
of [redacted] Tennessee

Adjourned till 3 Oclock P. M.

Met Quarding to Adjournment

Received from the Senate the following Message.

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have read for the third and last time the Bill directing the mode of electing one Representative to Represent this State in the Congress of the United States, and have amended it by Striking out of the fifth Section from the word Representative, the words" and if the same be not decided by the said returning Officers, they shall decide it; which when thus amended, the clause stands as follows: Sect: 5. Be it enacted that if two or more candidates have the same number of Votes, the said returning Officers shall decide which of them shall be Representative, in the same manner as Grand Jurors are by Law drawn for:

If you agree to this amendment you will please send two of your members to see it made.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate.

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate.

This House concur with the amendment by you proposed to the Bill directing the mode of electing one Representative to Represent this State in the Congress of the United States, and do nominate Messrs Outlaw & Newel to see it made.

Received from the Senate a Bill to amend the Law respecting the Revenue and Treasury department, endorsed Read the 2d = cond time and passed, which was on motion Mr Outlaw seconded by Mr Newel, withdrawn for an endorsement

Mr Lewis moved for leave and presented a Bill authorising the several County Courts in District of Mero to appoint Auditors to settle and adjust certain [claims of Daniel] Rawan against the County of Davidson, which after some debate there upon, was ordered to lay on the Table untill

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the next General Assembly.

Mr. Lewis again moved for leave and presented a Bill to amend the Law, which was, on motion Mr Weakley seconded by Mr. Fort, ordered to lay on the Table until the next General Assembly.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate.

This House have appointed Messrs. Rhea & Weakley as a Committee on the part of this House to act in conjunction with such Gentlemen as you may appoint to examine all the Bills that may be passed at this General Assembly.

Resolved that Mr. John Cocke a member of this House have leave of absence during the present Session.

Adjourned till 8 Oclock P. M.

Met according to Adjournment

Received from the Senate the following Bills viz:

A Bill appointing Commissioners in addition to those already appointed in the County of Grainger by an Act of the General Assembly begun and held at Knoxville on the 7th day of March 1796 and for other purposes, endorsed, Read the first time and passed, which was read the first time in the House of Representatives and passed.

A Bill directing the mode of Electing the several Officers whose appointments are by the Constitution vested in the County Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, endorsed, Read the first time and passed, which was read the first time in the House of Representatives and passed.

Received from the Senate the [redacted] Report of the Committee to whom was referred the communications the Governor, endorsed Read and concured with – to wit the report of the Committee

Recvd from the Senate the following Message Viz:
A Message sent from this House to the Senate, directing the Clerks of each House to transcribe a Copy of the Entry on the Journals, relative to the election of William Blount and William Cock Esqrs Senators to Represent this State in the Senate of the United States, endorsed, read and concured with.

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.

The Senate concur with you in appointing a committee to examine the Bills which may be passed this Session and appoint on their part Mr McMinn.

Mr Weakley from the committee to whom were referred the examination of engrossed Bills, report that they had examined an act entitled an Act directing the mode of electing one Representative to Repre=sent this State in the Congress of the United States and that it is duly engrossed from the Original which being signed by the Speaker of the Senate is also signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in presence of the House.)

Adjourned till to morrow 10 Oclock A. M.

Thursday 4th August 1796

Met According to Adjournment.

Recvd from the Senate the following Bills Viz:
A Bill, providing for the Election of Electors of a President and Vice President of the United States endorsed, Read the first time and Passed;

which

which being read the third time in the House of Representatives; was on motion Mr Rhea seconded by Mr. Fort Ordered to lay on the Table.

A Bill making Compensation to the Members, Clerks, and Door Keepers, of the General Assembly and for other purposes endorsed, Read the first time and passed, which was Read the second time in the House of Representatives; when it was moved by Mr. Neal and seconded by Mr. Gass to have the 3. Section, Striking Compensation to Andrew Jackson for his Services as Attorney General During the Continuance of the Territorial Government, Stricken Out, which was carried in the affirmative, whereupon the Yeas and Nays, being called by Mr. Fort seconded by Mr. Weakley, are as follows,

Yeas	Nays
Mess.rs Bleath	Mess.rs Weakley
Conway	Henderson
Gass	Outlaw
Crawford	Peck
Black	Mainfee
Neal	Cantrel
Rhea	Montgomery
Looney	Fort, and
Blair, and	Lewis
Sykes	
Yeas 10	Nays 9

The Bill was then Read the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Bill to amend the Law respecting the Revenue and Treasury Department, which was with drawn by the Outlaw for amendment, was returned, and after some Debate thereon ~~was~~ ordered to lay on the Table.

Received from the Senate,

A Bill to empow the Justices of each Court of the Several Counties in this State, to lay, and have the same collected an additional County Tax for the Year 1797, endorsed Read the second time and passed, which being read the third and last time in the House of Representatives was amended, passed and Sent to the Senate.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock P. M.

Met According to adjournment.

On Motion Mr. ~~Bloom~~ the Bill ~~to Bill~~ to amend the Law respecting the Revenue and Treasurry Department, was again taken up, when,

Mr. Fort, Seconded by Mr. Cantrel moved to have the 9th Section of said Bill Stricken out, as follows

Be it enacted that the Sheriff of Sumner County be authorised to collect the Tax due for the above mentioned Year, in that part of Robertson County which was formerly within the County of Sumner in as full and ample manner as if no division had taken place.

And offered the following in lieu thereof.

And be it enacted that the Sheriff of Sumner County be authorised and empowered to collect the Public Tax for the Year One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Six, due from the Inhabitants of that part

part of Sumner County, which was added by an Act of the General Assembly, to the County of Robertson and that the Sheriff aforesaid be released from collecting or paying the County Tax, for which he may be liable to the County Court of Sumner, from the Inhabitants aforesaid; and the Inhabitants aforesaid are hereby released from the payment of the said County Tax, to said Sheriff.

Which was carried in the Negative.

Mr Black seconded by Mr Outlaw moved that the following amendment be received, Viz:

In this State held by Deed, Grant, or Entry within the Bounds discribed by the act of Congress uniting this State to be one of the United States, which after some considerable Debate was carried in the affirmative whereupon Mr Weakley moved that the Yeas and Nays be taken which are as follows.

Yeas		Nays	
Mess.rs	Black	Mess.rs	Weakley
	Conway		Henderson
	Gass		Peck
	Outlaw		Manefee
	Crawford		Cantrell
	Clark		Rhea
	Newell		Fort and
	Montgomery		Lewis
	Blair, and		
	Sims		

Yeas 10 Nays 8.

the Bill being amended, was ~~then~~ read the ~~third and last~~ second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The House then adjourned till to morrow 10 o'clock A. M.

Friday August 5th 1796

Met According to Adjournment,

The undersigned having had leave Yesterday to enter their dissent to the amendment and passage of the Bill, to amend the Law respecting the Revenue and Treasury Department, have agreeably thereto entered the following

To the amendment we dissent.

First because we conceive this State has no right to Tax Lands to which the Indian claim is not extinguished, she being unable to protect the claimant in the enjoyment thereof, nor do their Grants give a compleat Title, till the Indian claim shall be fully done away. Taxes are Justifiable only on the Ground of given the Citizen Protection. To exact the one without affording the other is Tyranny.

Secondly because its evident and direct tendency is to induce the Claimants to take possession of those Lands in opposition to the Law, and thereby light up the flames of an Indian, and perhaps a civil War.—

Thirdly Because we conceive the passing such a Law is in itself an attempt to violate the Federal Constitution

Fourthly because the Bill passed this House without being Read on the ~~Last~~ Second Reading ~~the third time~~, any further than to the place where this amendment is inserted. (Signed)

Seth Lewis
John Rhea
R Weakley
Wm Fort
Adam Peck
Thos Henderson
John Munfee
Stephen Cantrell

Mr. Rhea seconded by Mr. Weakley moved that the words on the Journal, "Read the third and last time" be struck out and that the words "being read as far as this amendment inclusive, introduced by Mr Black, be entered in room thereof.

On this motion a division of the Question was called for. Viz:

The words "read the third and last time" be struck out, on which, the question being put was carried in the negative.

It was then, on motion Mr Montgomery seconded by Mr. Outlaw; Ordered, that the word "then", be struck out. which was done.

Received from the Senate the following Message

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

The Senate have read for the third and last time, the Bill for laying an additional County Tax, and propose amending it, by adding to the last Section after the words "Davidson, Montgomery, Robertson Washington", the word "and Hawkins", and to strike out the word "and" from before the word "Washington"

If you should agree to this amendment, you will please send two of your members to see it made.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate.

This House concur with your Message with respect to the addition of Hawkins, & striking out the word "and" from before "Washington", and have sent Messrs. Rhea and Gass to see the amendment made.

On motion Mr. Lewis seconded by Mr. Montgomery

Resolved, that each member who is sent for by the House shall forfeite and pay to the Door Keeper the sum of twenty five Cents, unless absent with Leave of the House.

Received from the Senate the following Message.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

The Senate concur with your appointment of Justices of the Peace, except as to Nehemiah Morgan, David Rusell and John Harman of Green County, and Paul Harrelson of Knox County.

The Senate nominate the following persons as Justices of the Peace.

For the County of Carter John Hendricks.

For the County of Green Robert Wyly.

For the County of Knox

The Senate nominate Wm. Cowan surveyor for the County of Green.

The Senate also nominate the following persons as Justices of the Peace in the County of Haywood, John Young, Isham Reynolds, George Robertson, Robert Campbell, Peter Miller, Joseph Webster, William McGehee and Wm. Ball.

The Honorable, the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee.

Gentlemen,

Nothing can be a higher reward for faithful services, than the approbation of a Free and generous People; I call my Country free because by their Constitution they are so.

I cannot help mentioning to you, that I feel the deepest Concern, to see our Dearest rights invaded by the Supreme Legislature of the Nation. we are by them made Subject to the payment of Taxes, while we have heinously been deprived of representation.

We have been deprived of the use of our Property for Public convenience, without any Compensation being made; And acts in the same Stile of Laws have passed declaring it highly penal to enjoy the free use thereof. Such rude attacks on our Constitutional rights should be Remonstrated against with freedom and firmness.

As you are pleased to express your confidence in your Sentiments, permit me to assure you that I have felt the greatest pleasure, in being a Witness of the unwearied diligence and patriotic exertions of my Colleague, and greatly anticipate the pleasure of Serving with a Man so devoted to public good.

I hope our opponents in the Senate of the United States will be unable to find a further Quibble wherby to deprive us of an equal Share of the Representation, that shall make the Laws by which we are to be governed.

I am with great Respect

Your Obedient Servant

Signed, Wm. Cocke

Knoxville August 3d. 1796.

Received from the Senate the following Bills viz:

A Bill directing the mode of electing the Several officers whose appointments are by the Constitution vested in the County Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions; engrossed Read the second time and passed, which was; in the House of Representatives, amended, Read the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate.

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate,

The House of Representatives propose to appoint a Committee to Draw and estimate of the expenditures of the present General Assembly and Report the Same, and nominate on the part of this House Messrs Weakley, Henderson Lewis and Fort, to act with such Gentlemen as you may think proper to add.

Adjourned till 3. o'Clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Received the following Bill from the Senate, viz:

A Bill providing for the election of electors of a President and Vice President of the United States, endorsed, Read the second time, amended and passed; which being amended, in the House of Representatives, was read the third and last time, passed and Sent to the Senate.

Received the following Message from the Senate.

Mr Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.

The Senate concur with you in appointing a Committee to draw up an estimate of the expenditures of the present General Assembly, and name on their part Mr. McInnis and Mr. Lewis — The Senate propose that the Same Committee be instructed to contract with the Printer for the Printing the Acts and Journals of this Session.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate.

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate.

This House concur with you, that the Committee appointed to estimate the expenditures shall also contract with the Printer as you observe. —

Mr Weakley from the Committee to whom was referred the examination of engrossed Bills, passed this Session, Reports that they have examined an Act, entitled, an Act for laying and collecting and additional County Tax, for the year 1797, and that it is duly engrossed from the original, which being signed by the Speaker of the Senate, was also signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in presence of the House.

Received the following Message from the Senate.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.

The Senate have received from you the Bill to amend the Law respecting the Revenue and Treasury department. It appears by a number of loose & detached papers enclosed in it, that they were intended as amendments, but the endorsement on the Bill says "August 4th 1796 read the third and last time and passed L. Grimes CHR." the Senate wish you to explain whether this Bill was amended or not, and if so, in which manner as there appears no order in the amendments, by which they can arrange them.

Received from the Senate.

A Bill appointing commissioners in addition to those already appointed in the County of Grainger by an Act of the General Assembly begun and held at Knoxville on 28th day of May 1796, and for other purposes, endorsed Read and passed the Second time, which was read the Second time in the House of Representatives, and on motion Mr. Ford seconded by Mr. Rhea, Ordered to lay on the Table untill the next General Assembly.

Ordered that the following message be sent to the Senate.

(Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate.

This House have herewith sent you the Journal of this House in order to shew your future proceedings on the Act by you refered to.

Adjourned till to morrow 10 o'Clock. A

Saturday August 6th 1796

Met Anording to Adjournment

Recves the following Bill from the Senate

A Bill directing the mode of Electing the Several officers whose appointments are by the Constitution vested in the County Courts of Pleas and quarter Sessions, endorsed Read the third time and Passed.

which being Read the third and last time in the House of Representatives, Passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered that the following messages be sent to the Senate to Speaker Gentlemen of the Senate.

This House do concur with your nomination of Justices for Green County, as to Robert Wyly in place of Adam Jacob Morgan, but do insist for your concurrence to our Nomination of David Russell as a Justice of Green County, in lieu of John Harman. this house do not consent to the Nomination of a Surveyor for said County. have with is sent to you a petition from Green County respecting David Russell for your considerations. this house coincur with your nomination of Justices for Hawkins County and also nominate John Hogan for Sumner County.

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate.

The House of Representatives propose that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of drawing up a Remonstrance to be presented to Congress by the Senators of this State, in the Senate of the Congress of the United States, and nominates on the part of this house, Messrs Rhea Outlaw, Nash and Lewis to act with such Gentlemen as you may think proper to add.

Received the following Message from the Senate.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

We herewith send you a Resolution which we have entered into this day respecting the opening a Road from the Warm Springs on French Broad, with which your Concurrence is requested.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate.

This House do not concur with your Message respecting the Road leading from the Warm Springs; they consi-
= dering the Resolve passed at the last Session, is still in
= force and sufficiently declaring the opinion of the Legis-
= lature on that Subject.

Received the following Message from the Senate

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.

The Senate cannot concur with your proposition to appoint a Committee to draw up a Remonstrance to Congress until they are informed of the purport thereof.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate

Mr. Speaker Gentlemen of the Senate.

The purport of the Remonstrance to be drawn up by the Committee, and to be presented to Congress is ap-
= proved of by the Legislature, is respecting the Land below the line of Holston, and to which the Indian Claim is not extinguished, and other grievances.

Received the following Message from the Senate.

Mr. Speaker Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.

The Senate having read for the third and last time, the Bill providing for the electors of a President and Vice President of the United States, have amended it as follows. In the 4th Section after the words "to and from" they have added the word

Wards" the Said place of election" and to the bottom of said Section, have added the following proviso- "provided never theless that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to make any confunsation, to the electors here- in mentioned for electing the Electors of a President and Vice President of the United States.

The Senate have added the following as the tenth and last Section of Said Bill. "Sect 10. Be it enacted that an Act, entled, and Act, providing for the appointment of Electors to elect a President and Vice President of the United States, passed at an Assembly begun and held at Knoxville 28th of March last past, be, and the same is hereby Repealed, and void.— If you should agree to these amendments you will please send two of your Members to see them made.

Ordered that the following message be sent to the Senate Mr Speaker Gentlemen of the Senate.

This House concur with your message respecting the amendments by you proposed, to the Bill providing for the Electors to Elect a President and Vice President of the United States, and appoint Messrs Blair and Newel to see them made

Adjourned till 3 o.Clock P.M.

Met According to Adjournment

Recieved the following Bill from the Senate.

A Bill making compensation to the Members, clerks, and Door Keepers of the General Assembly and for other pur- poses. endorsed Read the Second time, amended and passed.

On Reading of which in the House of Representatives.

It was moved and Seconded that the following be added as a Section thereto.

And be it enacted that Joseph Greer and Charles M Clung shall

shall ascertain and report to the next General Assembly the Rent of the House the Governor now lives in, or any other in Knoxville for his accomodation, not taking the furniture thereof into the estimate, which Rent shall be reported on as low terms as is consistent with Right and Justice to the Owner, which being objected to was carried in the Affirmative, when upon Mr Weakley seconded by Mr Gass moved to have the Yeas and Nays taken, which are as follows

Yeas		Nays	
Messrs	Black	Messrs	Weakley
	Conway		Gass
	Henderson		Montgomery
	Outlaw		Lewis and
	Peck		Blair
	Hinchee		
	Crawford		
	Newel		
	Cantrell		
	Rhea		
	Looney		
	Fort		
	Sims, and		
	Clack		

Yeas 14 Nays 5

It was then moved by Mr Weakley, seconded by Mr Outlaw that Nathaniel Buckingham be allowed the sum of one Dollar for each Bill he shall engross, which the Question being put was carried in the Negative.

The Bill, being amended, was then read the third and last time passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr Rhea from the Committee to whom was referred the communications from the Governor reported the following address to be presented to him

Sir,

We are fully sensible that the important objects by you laid before this Board upon the [illegible] made it necessary for you to convene the Legislature at this time.

We rejoice with you in the event of this State being finally admitted into the federal Union, and our Minds are filled with the most pleasing Sensations when we reflect on the prosperity and political happiness to which we view as a certain prelude. Be assured Sir it will be our first and greatest care to adopt such measures as will promote the true Interests of this State as connected with American Union.

With respect to our Representation in the Senate of the United States in particular, we flatter ourselves, such steps have been taken, that no reason now remains sufficient to Justify that Body in refusing any longer to recognize our Senators.

We view it as essentially necessary to the preservation of Peace and harmony with the Indian Tribes, that the Constitutional Treaties and Laws should be duely observed, and we have the fullest confidence that the Executive of this State will take proper measures to inforce their due Execution.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate.

Herewith is sent to you the report of the committee to whom was refered the communications from the Governor, this House have Concured therewith, and have also nominated Messrs. Looney Blair, and Peck to be a committee with such Gentlemen as you shall appoint to wait on the Governor and present the same to him which is sent to you for your concurrence.

Mr. Weakley from the Committee to whom was refered the Examination of ingrossed Bills, report that they had examined an Act, intitled an Act directing the mode of electing the Several

officers

Officers whose appointments are by the Constitution vested in the Joint Boards of Elections and Ecclesiastical Livings which was Signed by the Speaker of the Senate, was Signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in presence of the House.

Received the following Message from the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen, ~~of the House of Representatives~~

The Senate propose to meet you at half past Seven o'clock this Evening, in your Chamber, to take into consideration the Bill respecting the Revenue and Treasury departments.

Ordered, that the following Message be sent to the Senate

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen ~~of the Senate~~.

This House cannot concur with you respecting a Conference.

Adjourned till Monday 9 o'clock A.M.

Monday August 8th, 1796.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. John Locke, who had leave of absence during the present Session, returned and took his Seat.

Received the following Messages from the Senate:

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

The Senate concur with you in appointing a Committee to draught a Remonstrance to Congress, and have on their part appointed Messrs White & Doherty.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

The Senate have read for the third and last time, the Bill making compensation to the Members Clerks and Door Keepers of the General Assembly &c. and have amended it, by filling up the Blank to Geo. Roulstone, Eight Dollars for Stationary; and to Nath.l Buckingham, eight Dollars, for engrossing; Also to Thomas Bounds, Door-Keeper, one Dollar & Seventy five Cents, per Day. The Senate have further amended said Bill by

by Striking out the last Section thereof — Should you agree to these Amendments, you will please send two of your Numbers to see them made.

Ordered, that the following Message be sent to the Senate.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate.

This House concur with your Message respecting the Clerks and Doorkeepers, & amendments to the Bill, containing the same, and Nominate Messrs. Cocke and Rhea to see the Amendments made.

Mr. Weakley from the Committee to whom was referred the Examination of engrossed Bills, Report that they had examined an Act, entitled, an Act providing for the election of Electors of a President & Vice President of the United States, and that it is truly engrossed from the original, which being signed by the Speaker of the Senate, was signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in presence of the House.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M.

Met according to Adjournment.

Ordered, that the following Message be sent to the Senate.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate.

This House propose that the Committee to whom was refused to draught and Report the expences of the present Session of Assembly, make up the Estimate to the end of this day and no longer.

Adjourned for one hour.

Met according to Adjournment.

Ordered, that the following Message be sent to the Senate.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Senate.

This House propose the following Resolve, which is sent to you for your Concurrence.

Resolved, that a Copy of the Journals of each House

Respectively

respecting the appointment of Justices of the Peace, to be made out by the Clerks, respectively - be signed by the Speakers, and sent to the Governor to Issue the Commissions

Messages from the Senate:

Mr. Speaker Gentlemen ~~of the House of Representatives~~

The Senate agree that the Committee make up the estimate of the expences of this Assembly to this day, inclusive, as by you proposed.

Mr. Speaker Gentlemen ~~of the House of Representatives~~

The Senate concur with the resolution entered into by you, respecting the Commission of the Magistrates, but disagree to the one respecting the printing five hundred Journals, and offer in lieu thereof the following:

Resolved, that George Roulstone do print five hundred copies of the Laws, and one hundred copies of the Journals, of each House, of this Assembly, and distribute them as directed by a Resolve of the last Assembly.

Ordered, that the following Message be sent to the Senate

Mr. Speaker Gentlemen ~~of the Senate~~.

This House concur with your Message respecting the printing the Acts and Journals, of this Session, of the General Assembly.

Mr. Speaker Gentlemen ~~of the Senate~~.

This House propose to add Alexander Grear and Samuel Williams to the number of Justices of the Peace for the County of Carter.

A Message from the Senate

~~to Mr Speaker Gentlemen of the House of Representatives~~

The Senate propose that a Joint committee wait on his Excellency the Governor and inform him that the General Assembly propose adjourning this evening Sine die, having finished the public business for which they were convened, and Nominate on their part Mr Lewis.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate.

Mr Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate.

This House concur with you in appointing a Committee to wait on the Governor, and nominate on their part Messrs Gaston & Cook for that purpose.

Recieved the following Message from the Senate.

Mr Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.

The Senate herewith send you report of the committee appointed to draw up a Remonstrance to Congress and have concured therewith except as to the Paragraph mentioned 3 - in lieu of which they offer the following

3d North Carolina, under the faith of the existing Contracts opened a Land office for the Sale of their West-ern Lands, for which they have received Payment, for part of which they have Issued Grants, and part is not yet Surveyed. To this amendment the Senate ask your Concurrence.

Ordered that the following Messages be sent to the Senate.

Mr Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate.

This House concur with your message respecting the Remonstrance to Congress.

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate.

~~This house prepare to rescind the Resolution entered into Relative~~
to adjourning sine die and propose to meet to morrow morning at Six O'Clock.

Adjourned till to morrow 6 o'clock A. M.

Tuesday 9th August 1796

The House met according to adjournment.

Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate.

This house have proceeded to consid the Remonstrance to be laid before Congress and herewith send them amendment to you for your Concurence.

Recieved the following Messages from the Senate

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

The Senate Concur with you in the nomination of Alexander Spier and Samuel Williams as Justice of the Peace for Carter County.

The Senate send you the report of the committee appointed to contract with the Printer for your concurence.

Recieved from the Senate, the following Report

Your Committee appointed to contract with the Printer, Report that they have agreed with him to do the Printing of this Session on the same terms as agreed upon for the last printing of the last Session. endorsed Read and Concured with, which being Read in the House of Representatives was concured with.

Adjourned till ten o'clock A. M.

Met According to Adjournment

It is believed that this relinquishment operates to each State respectively according to the Chartered limits thereof as to Right of Soil and Sovereignty, and in the said Treaty no provision for a reservation of any Indian claim is made.

The Committee to whom it was referred to draw up a Remonstrance to Congress reported the following which was concured with.

To the Honorable the Congress of the United States of America

the address and remonstrance of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee on behalf of the Citizens thereof setteth forth

1st. - It appears by an Act of Congress Ratified in June one thousand Seven hundred and ninety six; that the State of Tennessee is admitted into the Federal Union, on an equal footing with any of the original States in all respects what ever.

2d. At the beginning of the late American Revolution; the United States granted to each State its Sovereignty according to the Charters limits thereof - and by the Treaty of Paris done in the Year One thousand Seven hundred and eighty three, the King of Great Britain acknowledged the United States, to be free Sovereign and Independant, and for himself his heirs and Successors Relinquished all Claims to the Government, propriety and territorial Rights of the same and every part thereof. B

In One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy six North Carrolina made a Bill of Rights, in the last Section of which is Contained a declaration of the Sovereignty, Right, and propriety of territory as limited and discribed in the Charter of King Charles, with a proviso for any Nation or Nations of Indians at the discretion of the Legislature. -

4th Acting on the principles contained in the first and third Sections of this address (confirmed by those in the second Section thereof) North Carolina, in the Year one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Seven opened a land office, for the Sale of Lands within the limits thereof - as appears from the preamble of the said Act, to operate as extensively as the said limits - as is also set forth in the third Section thereof: Entries for Lands being to be made with the Entry taker of any County within the State, for Claims for any Lands lying in such County

Except

Except as therein Excepted — In the Year one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Seven, by an Act of the Legislature, the County of Washington was Erected, and the limits thereof described Containing all the Lands within the Chartered limits of the State, Laying between the Apalachean Mountains and the River Mississippi (which is now the State of Tennessee) Under this Act, the Land Office for Sale of Land, first began its operations in the said described County. —

5th. In the Year one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy eight an Act was passed by the Legislature of the State of North Carolina, in the fifth Section whereof a line is mentioned (and described — It is believed that by this Act and line as described in the said Section, no Relinquishment of rights of Territory is made — but that the said line was declared for Certain Political reasons of the said State.

6 In the Year one thousand Seven hundred and eighty three passed another Act for the Sale of Lands. this Act Revives and continues the first Act Except what is thereby Repealed and in its object embraces the limits described in the Act Erecting Washington County before alluded to.

7 In consequence of this and other Laws respecting Sales of Lands by Entries made in Land Offices and Warrants Issued thereon, Grants have been issued in part, and (Warrants yet to lay) for Lands Laying within the Original limits of the County of Washington. —

8 In the Year one thousand Seven hundred and eighty Nine, North Carolina made a Cession of Western Lands to Congress for the use of the United States, under certain express conditions and Subject thereto, as contained in the Act of Cession for that purpose, and the Contract was solemnly executed by Deed on the part of North Carolina, and Acceptance on the part of Congress on behalf of the United States. — part of the conditions of said Contract are Reported by a Committee at the last Session of Congress: and the said Act provides that the Governor for the time being shall and is required to perfect such titles in such manner as if the Act had never been passed.

9th The Constitution of the United States confirms all engagements and Contracts entered into by the United States before the Adoption thereof Under existing Laws the entries and Grantees of Lands Laying within the said Original limits of Washington County, expected things will

Secure

Secure, as to the Right in fee, and Right of possessing the Lands by them purchased and honestly paid for.

10th In the Year one thousand Seven hundred and eight, for the Treaty of Hopewell was made with the Cherokee Indians by the United States; but the Agent of North Carolina protested against the same. In the Year one thousand Seven hundred Ninety one the treaty of Holston was made between the United States and the Cherokee Indians, discribing a line as therein mentioned, and by an Act of Congress passed at the last Session, pains perfi=tures and imprisonments are Enacted against Claimants & Grantees of Lands Laying beyound said Line for doing things in said Act mentioned —

11th This General Assembly believe that the Entrees and Grantees of Lands laying over the said line are much injured by the operation of the said last mentioned Treaty, and are in probability liable to be much more oppressed by the operation of the said last mentioned Act of Congress being thereby altogether prohibited from doing any Act of ownership on Lands by them long time past bonafide contracted and paid for, and for which in part grants have issued under the faith of North Carolina and the United States.

12 It is believed that the Indians have no fee simple in the lands alluded to, otherwise the very deed made by North Carolina to the United States would be void — If the Indians have any kind of claim to the lands in Question it is believed to be of the lowest kind of tenancy, namely that of tenants at will. —

13th This Legislature ever willing to support the Constitutional Laws of the United States made pursuant thereto, being impressed with a Sense of the injury and Grievances Sustained by the Citizens in consequence of the said line of the said treaty of Holston and the Act before mentioned, do earnestly request that the prohibitions preventing them to possess the Lands before alluded to may be removed, that provision by Law be made for Extinguishing the Indian Claim to said Lands. That the Owners and Grantees of said Lands, may enter upon —

Occupy

Occupy and possess the same in a full and ample manner
and have every right privilege and advantage, which they
are entitled to by Constitutional Laws. Which Justice being done
to the Citizens of this State the officers of Government will
be enabled to execute the Constitutional Laws of the United
States with ease and convenience.

Mr. Rhea from the Committee, to whom was referred the exa-
mination of Engrossed Bills, report that they had examined an
Act Making Compensation to the members Clerks and Door Keep
of the General Assembly and for other purposes, and that it was
truly engrossed from the Original which being Signed by the
Speaker of the Senate, was also Signed by the Speaker of this
House in presence of the House.

Ordered that the following Messages be sent to the Senate
Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate
This House propose the following Resolution, which is sent to
you for your Concurrence
Resolved that it shall be a duty of the Senators & Representa-
tive of this State in the Congress of the United States to
lay a remonstrance of this Legislature before the Congress
and endeavour that the object thereof be obtained.
Resd from the Senate the following Message
Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate House of Representatives
The Business of this General assembly being ended this house
propose to adjourn Sine die.
Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Senate
Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen of the Senate
This house concur with your Message proposing an adjourn
ment Sine die.
a Message from the Senate
Mr Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Representatives
The Senate concur with you in the Resolution by you entered
into respecting the Remonstrance to be presented to Congress.

Estimate of the pay of the Members, Clerks and Door Keepers of the General Assembly began and held at Knoxville on the thirtieth day of July one thousand seven hundred and Ninety Six.

Names	Number of Days	Pay & Day	No. of Miles	Pay & 25 Mile	Total Amount
Alexander Kelly	7	1 75	25	1 75	14 —
Joseph Black	10	1 75	30	1 75	19 60
Littlepage Sims	8	1 75	36	1 75	16 52
Joel Lewis	10	1 75	400	1 75	45 50
Robert Weakley	10	1 75	400	1 75	45 50
Silth Lewis	10	1 75	400	1 75	45 50
Samuel Frazier	10	1 75	160	1 75	28 70
Joseph Conway	10	1 75	116	1 75	25 62
John Gest	10	1 75	150	1 75	28 —
Joseph Winn	10	1 75	160	1 75	28 70
Thomas Henderson	10	1 75	160	1 75	28 70
John Cocke	6	1 75	70	1 75	15 40
George Doherty	10	1 75	60	1 75	21 70
Alexander Outlaw	10	1 75	100	1 75	24 50
Adam Peck	10	1 75	56	1 75	21 42
James White	10	1 75		1 75	17 50
John McAfee	10	1 75		1 75	17 50
John Crawford	10	1 75		1 75	17 50
George Rutledge	10	1 75	240	1 75	34 30
Daniel Looney	10	1 75	240	1 75	34 30
James Winchester	10	1 75	330	1 75	40 60
Stephen Cantrell	10	1 75	370	1 75	43 40
William Montgomery	10	1 75	360	1 75	42 70
John Black	10	1 75	60	1 75	21 70
Spencer Black	10	1 75	60	1 75	21 70
Samuel Newel	10	1 75	24	1 75	19 18
James Ford	10	1 75	460	1 75	48 30

John Rhea	10	1	75	240	1	75	34
William Fort	10	1	75	440	1	75	48
John Tipton	10	1	75	218	1	75	32
James Stewart	7	1	75	200	1	75	26
John Blair	10	1	75	186	1	75	30
George Roulstone Clk. to the Senate	10	2	50				25
Nath[l] Buckingham asst Clk to ditto	10	1	75				17
George Roulstone for Stationary							8
Nath[l] Buckingham for Engrossing							8
Ludwell Grymes Clk to the House of Represent[s]	10	2	50				25
John Hellman asst Clk to ditto	8	1	75				14
Ludwell Grymes for Stationary							4
John Hellman for ditto							4
Rho[s] Bounds door keeper to the Senate	10	1	75				17
John Rhea do. to House of Representatives	10	1	75				17
John Rhea for Contingencies							4

Resolved that the thanks of this House be presented to James Stewart Esquire for his carefull discharge of the duties of Speaker

The House then adjourned sine die.

By order of the House James Stewart S.H.R.

Ludwell Joynes C.H.R.

Samuel Thompson Blount Esqr

to be sent a copy of Toplady